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## FOUR DEFENDANTS SENTENCED FOR METH CONSPIRACY IN STONE, TANEY COUNTIES

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that four co-defendants have been sentenced in federal court for participating in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine in Stone and Taney counties.

Kelly R. Flow, 25, and Lisa R. Miller, 38, both of Rockaway Beach, Mo., April D. Abbott, 37, of Hollister, Mo., and Tracy L. Morrison, 37, address unknown, were sentenced in separate hearings before U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner on Wednesday. Flow was sentenced to 14 years in federal prison without parole. Miller was sentenced to eight years and four months in federal prison without parole. Abbott was sentenced to 14 years in federal prison without parole. Morrison was sentenced to 12 years and seven months in federal prison without parole.

Each of the co-defendants pleaded guilty to participating in a conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine from June 2003 to Oct. 17, 2004. A fifth co-defendant, **Philip D. Myers**, 33, address unknown, pleaded guilty on July 15, 2005, and awaits sentencing.

**Flow**, who pleaded guilty on July 13, 2005, admitted that she received crystal meth from a co-conspirator and distributed it in the Branson, Mo., area. **Flow** also admitted that the amount of methamphetamine, including her relevant conduct, was more than 500 grams but less than 1.5 kilograms.

**Miller**, who pleaded guilty on July 14, 2005, admitted that she received crystal meth from a co-conspirator, then redistributing it to others.

**Abbott**, who pleaded guilty on July 12, 2005, admitted that she received crystal meth from **Miller** and another co-conspirator and distributed it in the Branson area.

**Morrison** pleaded guilty on Oct. 19, 2005, to his role in the methamphetamine

conspiracy.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Kimberly R. Weber Dean. It was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Missouri State Highway Patrol and COMET (the Combined Ozarks Multijurisdictional Enforcement Team).

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This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow/index.html